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SUBJ: AMERICAN PROPERTY: US FLAG VESSEL "MIL MAR I"

REF A. BOGOTA 5507 B. STATE 133799

1. MIL MAR I WAS AUCTIONED FOR 600,000 PESOS (APPROX 23,500 DOLS)
AMOUNT PAID BY PETER GROSSICH ACCORDING TO FOURTH LABOR JUDGE
OF CARTAGENA.

2. GROSSICH WAS THE PLAINTIFF AND LUIS JOSE CASTRO DEFENDANT
IN THE LABOR SUIT ARISING FROM A PURPORTED CONTRACT SIGNED IN
SEPT/71 BETWEEN CASTRO AS SEQUESTOR FOR THE MIL MAR I AND GROSSICH
WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED BY THE SAME CASTRO AS DEPOSITOR
FOR THIS BOAT. ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT GROSSICH WAS TO PROVIDE
ADMIN SUPPORT AND REPAIRS FOR THE VESSEL. GROSSICH ALLEGED
NON PAYMENT OF 715,000 PESOS BY CASTRO (APPROX 28,000 DLS).

3. ON JUNE 24 EMB SENT TO FONOFF NOTE OF PROTEST CALLING ATTENTION
TO SEVERAL APPARENT IRREGULARITIES IN THE CIVIL CASE EMBARGOING
THE MIL MAR I AND THE SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT OF THE PLAINTIFF
PETER GROSSICH AS CUSTODIAN OF THE BOAT. EMB ALSO REQUESTED
FONOFF IT INSTRUCT ATTORNEY GEN TO CONDUCT FULL INVESTIGATION OF
COURT PROCEEDINGS BY FOURTH LABOR COURT.

4. INDEPENDENTLY OF ABOVE ACTION CONSOFF VISITED ASST ATTORNEYGEN.
AND DELIVERED TO HIM LETTER FROM CONGEN REQUESTING COMPLETE
INVESTIGATION.

5. ATTORNEYS FOR MIL MAR INC. DR RAFAEL RIVAS AND DR ADOLFO
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LEON GOMEZ WILL FILE A PLEA FOR ANNULMENT OF LABOR COURT ACTION

WITH SUPERIOR COURT OF CARTAGENA. ATTORNEYS WILL ONCE AGAIN REQUEST
LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO IN THE CASE BEFORE SANTA MARTA COURT.
ALLEGATION WILL BE BASED ON FACT THAT MIL MAR INC HAS NOT BEEN
NOTIFIED THAT VESSEL WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORDER OF PAYMENT,
AN ACTION TAKEN BY THE COURT SOME MONTHS AGO. DR RIVAS HAS COMMUN-
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